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Man Pleads to Shooting at Venice Bar

A 48-year-old man pleaded no contest today to shooting a man during an argument at a Venice bar, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Robert Leo Mewhorter (dob 8/10/71), a transient, entered the plea to one count of attempted murder and admitted allegations of using a handgun and causing great bodily injury.

Sentencing is scheduled on Jan. 15 in Department W70 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Airport Branch. Mewhorter faces 22 years in state prison.

On March 7, 2018, Mewhorter got into an argument at a Venice bar, prosecutors said. The defendant left and returned soon after and opened fire, injuring the victim, prosecutors added.

Case SA097575 was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department, Pacific Division.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.